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5 April 1984

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: OSS - NARS Holdings

STAT 1. On 5 April, we met with Ken MacDonald, CIA Historian, and discussed the final transfer of the OSS records currently at NARS. Dr. MacDonald indicated that he has been discussing with the Office of Public Affairs and with their counter parts at NARS an appropriate date to publicize the release of the OSS material. In order to be prepared for that occasion, NARS would want to have a segment of the OSS documents ready for public viewing. Dr. [ ] asked that we suggest an appropriate date by which this material could be available.

2. We suggested that the earliest that we could complete the review of this material would be the end of May. At that rate, we have to begin the review on 16 April.

STAT 3. In order to carry out this review, we told Dr. MacDonald that we shall ask [ ] to halt the FOIA processing of the War Diaries for the time being, and begin the review of the NARS material on 16 April. We also will ask [ ] to assist in this effort, possibly at the temporary expense of his current CI investigation into the released FOIA material. Finally, we are submitting a request to hire [ ] as an independent contractor to join this task force.

4. In this context, we also called [ ], CRD, and asked whether he could assign one of his people to support this effort. He said that he probably can be of assistance.

STAT 5. Dr. MacDonald also informed us that there still are about 200 feet of OSS material that has not yet been reviewed. This material consists of the chrono cable files. At first an attempt was made to have this holding declared as temporary and therefore qualifying for destruction. NARS, however, decided to include this material in the permanent collection. Dr. MacDonald said that the two hundred feet represent about one half of the total chrono files left unreviewed by the [ ] team. The first 200 feet was reviewed by CRD some time ago. They discontinued the review when higher priority requirements were levied on the Division. We agreed that at some time in the future we would have to review this material as well.

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